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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In the Application of:      | ) | Group Art Unit 1725             |
| Daniel Wildmann et al.      | ) |                                 |
|                             | ) | Examiner: Elve, Maria Alexandra |
| for: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING | ) |                                 |
| SHEET METAL WORKPIECES      | ) | Confirmation No. 2162           |
| TO BE WELDED                | ) |                                 |
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| Serial No: 10/674,095       | ) |                                 |
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**Hartford, Connecticut, July 7, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" of June 9, 2004, attached is a new "Amendments to the claims" section. Please substitute this attachment for the Claims section of the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on September 29, 2003 in the above-identified application:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present response.